

**REMARKS**

**The specification and claim 1 were objected to for informalities.** Correction is made as required.

**Claims 1 - 4, and 7 were rejected under § 102(b) as being anticipated by Shigehara et al.** This rejection is moot.

**Claims 5, 6, and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and claims 9 and 10 have been allowed.** Claim 5 is canceled and incorporated into claim 1, which therefore should now be allowable. As all other claims depend from claim 1 or are allowed, all claims should be allowed.

Based on the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and such a Notice, with allowed claims 1-4 and 6-10, earnestly is solicited.

If the Examiner believes that a conference would be of value in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the

undersigned counsel to arrange for such a conference. Should any fee be required, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002 and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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